Canarsie schools: attendance near normal

NEW YORK - A spokesman for the Board of Education here said yesterday that the sit-in concerning the racial balance problem of the junior high school in Canarsie had ended Tuesday when the 32 black children who had been attending the school returned to class.

The sit-in began during the height of the agitation concerning the sit-in by black parents in New York City and elsewhere demanding that the school board make a more substantial rise in the racial balance in the junior high schools in the city. The sit-in was led by the central Board of Education to protest the assignment to JHS 211 of 32 black children.

The school board had requested that parents of black pupils send their children to other junior high schools, but the board was overruled at a special meeting on Wednesday of the city's board of education. Since then, parents have continued to send their children to JHS 211, and the sit-in began.

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